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**HOATH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2015.**

Present: Councillors Sue Chapman (chair), Adele Wright, John Williams. In attendance: Guy Foster (clerk and CCC), Alan Marsh (KCC) and 3 members of the public.

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1. **Apologies**

Cllr Moore had sent apologies.

1. **Declaration of members’ interests**

None.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

1. **CCC and KCC reports**

Guy Foster (CCC) reported on his interview in the Herne Bay Gazette, in which he had voiced his opposition, both personal and on behalf of local residents, to the Chislet wind farm proposal. He also noted the appointment of a new leader of CCC (Simon Cook) and a new mayor (Sally Waters).

Alan Marsh (KCC) reported:

* That work continued to achieve a re-routing of the proposed Richborough Connection power line.
* Following the election, the compulsory purchase of Manston airport was back as a live issue for Thanet District Council.
* He would try to ensure the repainting of white lines on local roads, notably Hoath Road.

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At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public. The following matters were raised:

* Far from terminating the route, Stagecoach has recently added an extra bus service through Hoath. This is very welcome.
* The play area could benefit from exercise equipment suitable for adults. The meeting thought this to be a good idea worthy of further investigation.

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1. **Planning**

There were no objections to application CA//15/01128/FUL (1 Barn Close).

The grant of CA//15/00645/FUL (Chapter 7) was noted.

1. **To consider the adoption of the telephone kiosk.**

As the ‘phone appeared still to be functioning, at least to some extent, it was unanimously resolved not to seek to adopt the kiosk at this time as it was more use as a home for a public telephone than as anything else.

1. **To consider the purchase of a defibrillator**

Cllr Chapman noted that there were several difficulties with this proposal, viz:

* The population of Hoath is widely dispersed
* Accessing a defibrillator would be, for this and other reasons, not easy.
* There would be a constant risk of theft

Cllr Chapman therefore suggested that instead of a defibrillator, we consider funding first aid courses for parishioners and adult exercise equipment in the play area. The meeting unanimously resolved to accept this proposal.

1. **Report of the clerk/RFO**

The clerk reported that the end-May cashbook and bank balance was £18,250.67. This figure included both the CFG and precept for 2015/16, hence its relatively large size.

The following was approved for payment:

1. Clerk: May £417.18 (salary £315.19, expenses £101.99. This figure much higher than usual as it includes the cost of renewing the web-site hosting.)
2. **Councillors’ reports**

Cllr Wright reported that the dogs of some local residents had become unwell due, it was believed, to having eaten some kind of poison on footpaths. Some seemed to believe that this poison had been laid by the parish council to kill foxes. This notion was both bizarre and completely untrue.

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Cllr Wright noted the potentially dangerous ditch at the side of Ford Hill, as well as the other dangers of this stretch of road. The clerk said he would write to Alan March about this.

Cllr Chapman referred to the earlier discussions about adult exercise equipment and said she would look into this. She also noted that KCC had done some work to clear footpaths, which was very welcome.

1. **Date of next meeting.**

This was confirmed as July 6th. It was noted that this is a week earlier than originally planned.

**Guy Foster**

*Clerk to Hoath Parish Council*

June 11th 2015.

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_